

significantly expand the health care options available to Medicare beneficiaries and result in a greater number of beneficiaries enrolling in so-called "managed care" plans than ever before. Therefore, we believe that it is crucial that the organizations offering these plans have effective compliance programs in place. In fact, one of the conditions necessary to contract with the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) as an M+C organization is that the organization must "have administrative and management arrangements satisfactory to HCFA," including a compliance program that consists of specified elements (42 CFR 422.501(b)(3)(vi)). These elements are similar to the elements the OIG has identified in its previous compliance program guidances.

The OIG has determined that it would be appropriate to issue compliance program guidance for a subset of M+C organizations, i.e., those that offer coordinated care plans. As defined by the HCFA in 42 CFR 422.4(a)(1), a CCP is "a plan that includes a network of providers that are under contract or arrangement with the organization to deliver the benefit package approved by HCFA," and includes "health maintenance organizations (HMOs), provider-sponsored organizations (PSOs), preferred provider organizations (PPOs), religious and fraternal benefit and other network plans (except network MSA plans)." *Id.*

Voluntary in Nature

Compliance program guidance represents the OIG's suggestions on how entities can best establish internal controls and monitoring to correct and prevent fraudulent activities. The contents of the guidance should not be viewed as mandatory or as an exclusive discussion of the advisable elements of a compliance program. While the elements that the OIG considers necessary for a comprehensive compliance program are similar to the elements HCFA has included in its conditions to contract as an M+C organization, the planned guidance is intended to present voluntary guidance to the industry, and not represent binding standards for M+CO/CCPs.

Areas for Comment and Input in Developing This Guidance

We are seeking, through this **Federal Register** notice, formal input from all interested parties as the OIG begins developing compliance program guidance directed at M+CO/CCPs. The OIG will give consideration to all comments, recommendations and

suggestions submitted and received by the time frame indicated above.

We anticipate that the M+CO/CCP guidance will contain the seven elements that we consider necessary for a comprehensive compliance program. These seven elements have been discussed in our previous guidances and include:

- The development of written policies and procedures;
- The designation of a compliance officer and other appropriate bodies;
- The development and implementation of effective training and education;
- The development and maintenance of effective lines of communication;
- The enforcement of standards through well-publicized disciplinary guidelines;
- The use of audits and other evaluation techniques to monitor compliance; and
- The development of procedures to respond to detected offenses and to initiate corrective action (including reporting to appropriate governmental authorities)

We would appreciate specific comments, recommendations and suggestions on (1) risk areas for the M+CO/CCPs, and (2) aspects of the seven elements contained in previous guidances that may need to be modified to reflect the unique characteristics of M+CO/CCPs. Detailed justifications and empirical data supporting suggestions would be appreciated. We are also hopeful that any comments, recommendations and input be submitted in a format that addresses the above topics in a concise manner, rather than in the form of comprehensive draft guidance that mirrors previous guidance.

Dated: September 11, 1998.

June Gibbs Brown,
Inspector General.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) National Advisory Council in September 1998.

The meeting will include the review, discussion and evaluation of individual

grant applications and contract proposals. Therefore the meeting will be closed to the public as determined by the Administrator, SAMHSA, in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (4) and (6) and 5 U.S.C. App. 2, Section 10(d).

Substantive program information may be obtained from the contact listed below.

Committee Name: Center for Substance Abuse Prevention National Advisory Council.

Meeting Date: September 18, 1998.

Place: The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, 5515 Security Lane, Rockwall II Building, 9th Floor, Room 901, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Closed: September 18, 1998, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Yuth Nimit, Ph.D., 5515 Security Lane, Rockwall II Building, Suite 901, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone: (301) 443-8455.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Dated: September 16, 1998.

Jeri Lipov,

Committee Management Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The collection of information described below has been submitted to OMB for reinstatement under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Copies of specific information collection requirements and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address or phone number listed below. **DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received on or before October 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and suggestions on specific requirements should be sent to the Service's Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222 ARLSQ, 1849